

2017 Regular Legislative Session Veteran / Military Bills

"Serving Those Who Served"

Bill #	Title and Summary	Sponsor
<u>SHB 1055</u>	Military members / pro bono:	Kilduff
C 163 L 17 Effective	Creates an Office of Military and Veteran Legal Assistance within the Office of the Attorney General to promote and facilitate civil legal assistance programs, pro bono services, and self-help services for military service members, veterans, and their families, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose.	
7/23/2017		
<u>HB 1204</u>	POW / MIA flag display:	Young
C 79 L 17	Requires public entities to display the POW/MIA flag two additional days: April 9, former POW recognition day; and December 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.	
Effective		
7/23/2017 <u>HB 1278</u>	Physical therapy compact:	Macri
<u>IID 1270</u>	Enacts the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.	Mach
C 108 L 17	 Allows physical therapists (PTs) and PT assistants to attain Compact Privilege to legally practice physical therapy in states that are party to the Compact without 	
Effective 7/23/2017	applying for full licensure.	
<u>SHB 1320</u>	Gold Star License Plates:	Reeves
C 24 L 17	The widow or widower of a member of the armed forces who died while in service and/or as a result of that service may have the option of receiving a standard issue plate instead of a gold star plate without payment of the annual vehicle registration	
Effective 7/23/2017	and license plate fees. The qualifying license plate would be limited to one personal use motor vehicle.	
<u>SHB 1369</u>	Veteran definition:	Hayes
C 97 L 17	Expands the definition of "veteran" used to determine eligibility for certain benefits, such as scoring criteria for employment related exams, to include a person who is in	
Effective 7/23/2017	receipt of separation orders or documents that characterize his or her service as honorable.	
E2SHB 1802	Veterans/shared leave access:	Reeves
C 173 L 17	Allows certain state employees to access shared leave for attending medical appointments or treatments for a service-connected disability.	
Effective 7/23/2017	 Creates the Veterans' In-State Service Shared Leave Pool (VISSLP). Allows state employees who are veterans, or their spouses who are caring for them, to access shared leave from the VISSLP. 	
SHB 2138	Adapted housing / veterans:	Kraft
C 176 L 17	• Exempts labor and materials for construction of adapted housing for disabled veterans from state sales and use taxes.	
Effective 7/23/2017	 Limits the exemption to \$2,500 for each project. Limits the total amount of exemptions for adapted housing to \$125,000 annually. 	
ESB 5008	REAL ID compliance	King
C 310 L 17	 Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to mark standard driver's licenses and identicards in accordance with federal REAL ID Act regulations to indicate that they are not acceptable for federal identification purposes, and to adopt rules 	
Effective	necessary to implement this change.	
7/23/2017	• Prohibits the use of a standard driver's license or identicard as evidence of or as a	
	basis to infer an individual's citizenship or immigration status.	
	• Prohibits the use of a person's standard driver's license or identicard as a basis	
	for the criminal investigation, arrest, or detention of that person where the person	
	otherwise would not be criminally investigated, arrested, or detained.Reduces the fee for a full-term enhanced driver's license and an enhanced	
	identicard from \$108 to \$78.	
	 Removes the restriction on state agencies and programs that prohibits the 	
	expenditure of funds to implement or comply with the REAL ID Act unless certain conditions are satisfied.	

<u>SB 5359</u> C 184 L 17 Effective 7/23/2017	 Military licensing / report: Requires the Departments of Licensing and Health to report to the Legislature on the progress implementing the licensing process for veterans and military spouses. Requires the Department of Labor and Industries and the Professional Educator Standards Board to recommend whether their licensing and apprenticeship programs should be included in reporting on applying training for military members and their spouses. 	Conway
<u>SB 5391</u> C 185 L 17 Effective 7/23/2017	 Department of veterans affairs: Expands certain counseling services and employment opportunities available for veterans and their families. Changes the definition of "veteran" used to qualify veterans for veteran owned businesses, burial, and relief services. 	Zeiger
SB 5661 C 188 L 17 Effective 7/23/2017	LEOFF Interruptive service credit: Requires the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Plan 2 Retirement Board to study the issue of member contributions for interruptive military service credit where the member did not receive a campaign badge or medal.	Rolfes
<u>SB 5778</u> C 191 L 17 Effective 7/23/2017	 Resident student definition: Provides residency status to students entitled to transferred Post-9/11 Educational Assistance for the purpose of in-state tuition. Removes certain qualifications from when a student entitled to the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship may qualify as a resident student for in-state tuition purposes. 	Wilson
SB 5826 C 127 L 17 Effective 7/23/2017	 Veteran tuition waivers: Language is removed from the definition of "eligible veteran or national guard member" to ensure that the definition includes all Washington domiciliaries who: were active or reserve members of the military, Navy, or National Guard; and were called to active duty; and served in active service in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international waters; or served in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters; and if discharged from service, had an honorable discharge from service. 	Hobbs
<u>SB 5849</u> C 192 L 17 Effective 7/23/2017	 Veterans' services: Requires the Office of Financial Management to develop a military recruitment program that provides credit for military veterans' knowledge, skills, and leadership abilities. Requires the state Department of Veterans Affairs to offer, to the extent funding is available, training and support for veterans interested in providing peer-to-peer support for other veterans. 	Angel

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